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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Prices were higher on all sizes in the Midwest, Philadelphia, and Florida. In most other locations, prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Demand was in a full range of light to good, but was mostly light to moderate with the best movement coming from promotional activity. Supplies were adequate to balanced for trade needs. Breaking stock demand was light to moderate for about adequate to adequate offerings. Light type fowl were fully sufficient for a fair demand.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 4 cents higher on the larger sizes and unchanged to 3 cents higher on mediums, based on previous week average pricing. Prices were unchanged in Boston and New England. The market tone was steady. Demand was light to moderate, best into first of the month business and where limited features were in progress. Supplies were adequate on all sizes. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate for the light demand. Light type hens were fully adequate.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Demand ranged light to moderate, best into first of month business and where features were available. Supplies were adequate for trade needs.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Retail and food service demand mostly moderate and best where features are a factor. Supplies adequate to balanced.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were unchanged to slightly higher. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were not changed. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was light to moderate with the best movement coming from feature activity. Foodservice movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate for current needs. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower. Demand was mostly moderate. Offerings were usually adequate for needs. Floor stocks were in balance with current schedules. Trade sentiment was steady.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta, prices were unchanged on all weights. In Florida, prices were higher on all sizes. The market tone was steady. Demand was light to moderate, best where features were in progress or planned for this week. Supplies were adequate for current needs. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending March 30, 2001 was 85.82 cents, 9 cents more than the week before and 19.78 cents more than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were about adequate and demand was light. Light type fowl were fully sufficient for slaughter requirements.

WESTERN Prices unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 13% higher than last Monday with California up 14% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 11%. Retailer demand seasonally good. Heavy floor stocks generally moving up to expectations with additional offerings mainly adequate.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	104-106	93-95	79-81
New York	90-92	87-90	73-76
Philadelphia	88-90	86-88	72-73
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	81-82	79.5-81	64-65
Jackson (1)	89-90	88-89	73-74
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	86-101	85-99	69-83
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	65-70	64-69	55-60
Detroit (2)	62-65	61-63	51-54
Major Ohio Cities (2)	63-69	62-67	52-58
Major Wisconsin Cities	66-73	64-71	55-62
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	94-98	91-94	75-78
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	116	109	99
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The California inventory was 14% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand seasonally good. Accumulated floor stocks moving with additional offerings in good balance with fill in needs. Small invoice price 79. Ads in Northern California: major- extra large dozen 2 for \$4, large dozen or 18 pack buy 1 get 1 free.

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	124
EXTRA LARGE	116
LARGE	109
MEDIUM	99
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.	

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO	245-279
EXTRA LARGE	219-259	EXTRA LARGE	225-259
LARGE	199-229	LARGE	189-249
MEDIUM	187-189	MEDIUM	149-219

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending April 06, 2001 will increase by 10 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending March 30, 2001 were 303,106 cases which was 15 percent above the prior week and 1 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	271,209	31,897	303,106
% change from the prior week.....	+20	-11	+15

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Nest run breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was mostly moderate. Offerings were usually adequate for needs. Floor stocks balanced with current breaking schedules. Trade sentiment steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	38-40	39-40
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	21-24	
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were higher on spent hens moving to slaughter for next weeks kill. Demand was moderate to good for raw materials. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLTR

WEEK OF 02-APR-01	CENTS/LB	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-11.25		7-9	8.04

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate to good for about adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules for current week were in a range of less than normal to normal. Interest for canners was still clearing the slightly increased availability of offerings. The undertone was mostly steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 02-APR-01

	CENTS/LB.	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-9.5		8-9	8.35
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING			TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT			TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM APR 02, 2001

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/

(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
	NORTHEAST	CENT	CENT	ATL	PACIFIC		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	11.8	27.0	8.7	16.4	13.3	77.2
	Change	2.1	4.8	0.2	2.6	0.8	16%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	39.9	52.7	11.7	35.5	27.4	167.2
	Change	4.3	7.5	-0.2	3.7	3.1	12%
Large	Curr Wk	66.9	184.1	79.4	101.6	151.4	583.4
	Change	-4.1	31.0	-8.4	11.5	24.4	10%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.7	36.3	14.8	22.7	21.6	110.1
	Change	1.3	6.5	-0.9	2.0	1.9	11%
Small	Curr Wk	4.9	7.4	2.0	8.4	6.2	28.9
	Change	0.0	0.9	0.5	1.4	-0.4	9%
Misc	Curr Wk	10.1	20.7	5.2	10.6	3.9	50.5
	Change	1.2	1.4	1.6	-1.7	-0.6	4%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	36.0	47.0	26.7	29.5	33.7	172.9
	Change	-1.3	-4.9	2.9	-10.0	0.0	-7%
Total	Curr Wk	184.3	375.2	148.5	224.7	257.5	1190.2
Percent	Change	2%	14%	-3%	4%	13%	8%
TOTAL		Number of	Percent	Number of			
		Cases	Change	Cooperators			

Shell Egg	1,190.2	8%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	252.2	-6%	38
Total Shell Egg	1,442.4	5%	208

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 170 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 19, 2001.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	178.8	175.8	166.7	113.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING FEBRUARY 05, 2001 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	139	139	129	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MARCH 30, 2001

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS	
12.50								17.75								30.25	
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			
GNR W 1	—	66.00	61.50	63.00	—	—	8.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00		
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50		
GNR BR 1	—	—	44.50	46.00	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	83.50	76.67	2.00		
GL W XL	—	—	—	73.00	—	—	4.50	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	71.50	74.00	.25		
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	62.00	—	2.75	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	50.50	53.00	.25		
GL W MD	—	—	54.83	56.33	—	—	4.00										
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00										
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	33.50	35.00	3.00										
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	28.50	30.00	1.00										

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 03/26/01-03/30/01

CURRENT LOADS								106.50	FUTURE LOADS								101.25	TOTAL LOADS								207.75					
SE				NE				MW				LOADS				SC				NW				SW				LOADS			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST				
GNR W XL	—	62.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	GNR W 1	—	64.40	—	69.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20.00				
GNR W 1	61.13	64.00	61.92	64.19	—	—	82.00	GNR W 3	—	46.80	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00					
GNR W 2	—	—	60.50	62.00	54.00	55.75	9.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	62.50	2.00													
GNR W 3	—	51.00	—	—	—	—	4.50	GL W XL	—	75.00	—	—	75.00	79.00	5.00																
GNR BR 1	—	—	45.33	46.67	—	—	3.00	GL W LG	—	73.25	—	—	83.50	80.98	21.25																
GL W J	—	—	—	—	49.00	—	2.00	GL W MD	—	57.00	—	—	63.10	66.80	6.00																
GL W XL	—	72.00	72.00	74.53	70.00	—	30.50	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	50.50	53.00	.25																
GL W LG	—	72.71	68.50	70.00	70.63	—	29.25	NRBS - 50	38.00	—	—	—	—	47.00	1.00																
GL W MD	53.00	—	54.75	56.25	—	—	11.00																								
GL W SM	—	27.00	24.00	25.50	—	—	2.25																								
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	41.75	2.00																								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	36.50	39.40	17.00																								
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	33.50	35.00	3.00																								
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	26.50	28.00	6.00																								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 03/18/01 - 03/24/01

State	# Cases Shipped To	# Cases Shipped To	# Cases Shipped To	Total State
	Northern, CA	Central, CA	Southern, CA	
Colorado	0.00	0.00	2,640.00	2,640.00
Iowa	2,347.00	0.00	23,978.00	26,325.00
Louisiana	0.00	0.00	810.00	810.00
Maine	0.00	0.00	1,700.00	1,700.00
Michigan	0.00	0.00	1,710.00	1,710.00
Minnesota	0.00	1,965.00	7,670.00	9,635.00
Missouri	0.00	0.00	3,990.00	3,990.00
Nevada	0.00	0.00	306.00	306.00
Ohio	0.00	810.00	950.00	1,760.00
Oregon	1,969.00	913.00	156.00	3,038.00
Utah	3,808.00	4,420.00	3,754.00	11,982.00
Washington	0.00	615.00	450.00	1,065.00
Wisconsin	0.00	0.00	732.00	732.00
TOTAL	8,124.00	8,723.00	48,846.00	65,693.00
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	8,124.00	8,723.00	48,846.00	65,693.00

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
122-125	85-88	74-77	60-63	21-24

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
82-85	73-79	71-76	55-60	29-33

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
56-58	40-42	13-15

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
95.57	94.57	79.57	49.51

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	<u>03/26/01</u>	<u>03/19/01</u>	<u>3/27/00</u>
PACIFIC COAST	229	195	454
LOS ANGELES	206	165	319

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

LOCAL EGG MARKET PRICES AND INVENTORY FROM LOCAL PRODUCERS ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF PUBLICATION

Receipts from the mainland: 03/18/01-03/24/01
 30-dozen cases 4,645
 Receipts from the mainland: 03/11/01-03/17/01
 30-dozen cases 4,377

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